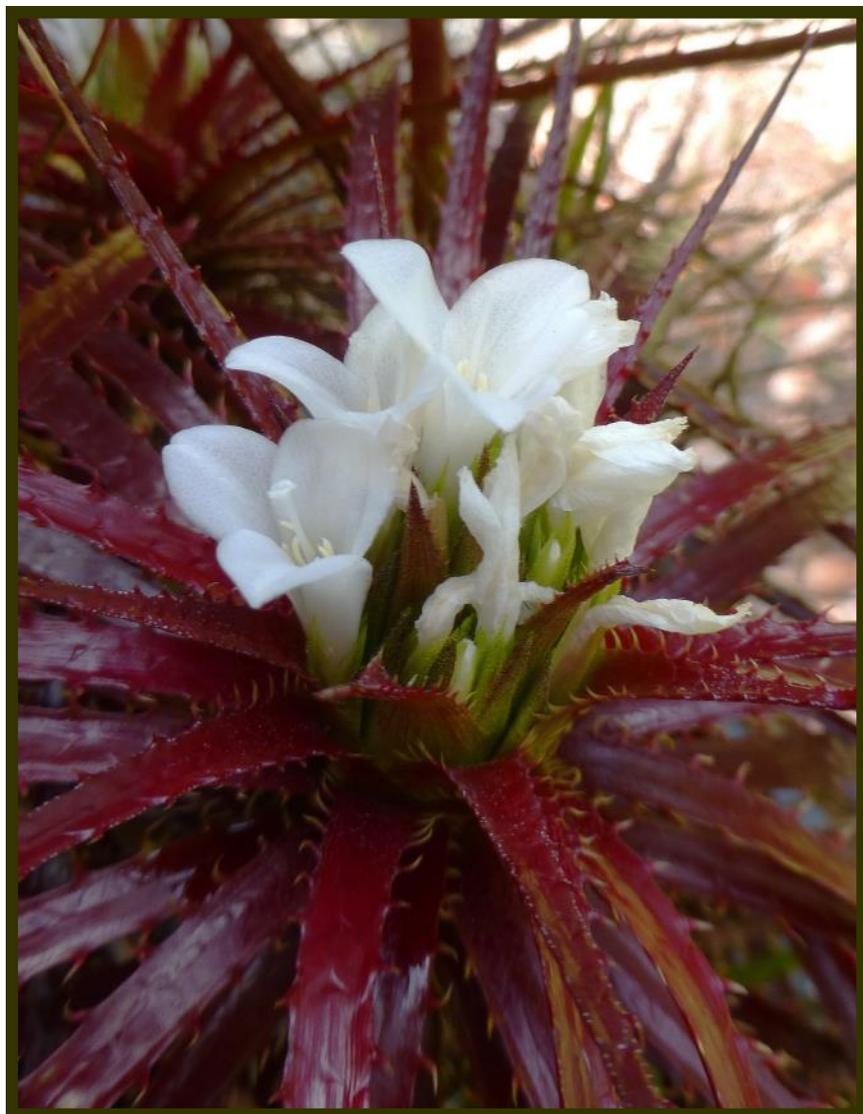




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THE CALOOSA HATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

May Meeting— Sunday, May 19th, 2013
June Meeting— Sunday, June 16th, 2013
Covenant Presbyterian Church

The church facility is located near downtown Fort Myers, Florida, at 2439 McGregor Blvd., just one block south of the Edison Home parking lot and about 1 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— St. John the Apostle Church. The facility is approximately 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd.

Doors open at 12:30PM for setup, Workshop starts at 1:15PM. Everything stays the same...Bring food, raffle items, Friendship table items, Show and Tell plants.

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May Program

“Bromeliads from O to P—Part II”

By Dr. Terrie Bert

Dr. Terrie Bert is a long-standing member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director and chaired several international committees. She currently is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and an internationally accredited Master Judge.

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She's given over 100 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups. She has authored articles for the BSI Journal and the FCBS newsletter. She cultivates approximately 2,000 different bromeliads in 24 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences and was a volunteer for and contributor to the BSI Bromeliad Identification Center until its dissolution. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She also makes quilts and SCUBA dives.

Her Topic of her Program will be "Bromeliads from O to P—Part II". If you have seen any of Terrie's previous "alphabet series", you know she will be describing those Bromeliad Genera beginning with the letters O through P, completing the discussion of those genera, which she did not cover in her talk of November 2012.

MAY WORKSHOP

Our Program Chair, Bruce McAlpin will focus on the care and culture of the Genus *Alcanterea*. Members of this genus represent some of the largest bromeliads and many sport an equally large inflorescence with hundreds of large blooms. We will get a chance to learn more about the unusual "hair pups" that develop at the base of this group of plants, well before they bloom.

JUNE WORKSHOP

"Separating Clumping Terrestrial"

By Ray Lemieux

It has been several years since Ray Lemieux has given a Program to the CBS. His skills and knowledge about terrestrial bromeliads has only increased during this hiatus as the chief grower of terrestrials at Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota. Ray's program will be a demonstration of an easier way to separate the more prickly genera of bromeliads such as *Dyckia*, *Hechtia*, *Echolirium* and *Deuterocohnia*. This is a talent we should all acquire if we grow any of these genera.

Ray will also be bringing a selection of terrestrial bromeliads to sell. In the past these have included unusual species and hybrids not easily found, so bring money.

JUNE WORKSHOP

We need a volunteer for the June Workshop. Please contact Pete Diamond if you have a topic. He can help you develop it.

WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers who are willing to present a Workshop for the months of June and September. You can present by yourself or as a small group. Topics are of your choice, but the presentation should be about 30 minutes in length. Please contact Pete Diamond and discuss your ideas with him.

AUCTION

Our members came through again! Although there were fewer donations and attendees, we raised about \$1300, which will go to finance FCBS and CBS projects. Thanks to all who donated, organized helped during the Auction and bid on plants.

Bromeliad Expose'

By Larry Giroux

“The Sights of the 2013 CBS Birthday Party”

Well I just got back from our Birthday Party, held at Betsy and Bill Burdette's. I listened to the weather constantly since yesterday and expected it was going to be a washout, but to my surprise it was another success. Our hosts, Bill and Betsy Burdette have to be thanked again for organizing a great afternoon. I brought back pictures for all to enjoy.



Nice collection of Vrieseas and Alcantereas.



Older trees and tree-stumps have been adorned by bromeliads years ago. Now they have completely taken over the prime spaces, as with these mounted Ae. 'Bert's'.



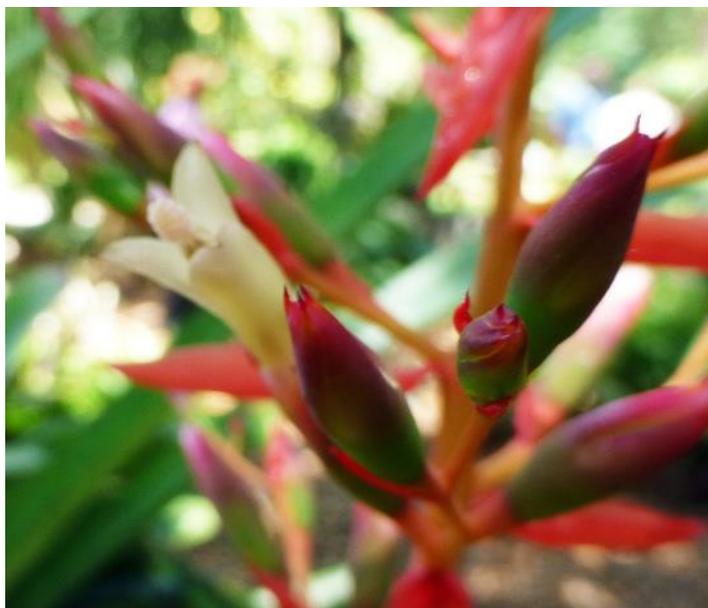
The Burdette's have many other tropical plants such as this colorful ginger.

Hanging from the trees in baskets are several clumps of Florida native *Tillandsia fasciculata*. Drivers of Alligator Alley will note the red spotting of the cypress and pine trees due to these bromeliads when in bloom.





Oases of bromeliads dot the front driveway of the Burdette's Buckingham home. The trees provide perfect filtered light for the culture of bromeliads.



Couldn't prevent myself from recording the blooming of this colorful *Portea*, mounted on stumps and trees in the Burdette's yard.



A hanging wall of billbergias and tillandsias greets you as you approach the Burdette's home. This is a great way to display billbergias... with the sunlight passing through the colorful, patterned leaves.



A new acquisition to the landscape of Betsy and Bill's garden is this multi-tier functioning fountain. I also have a small fountain which I use as a planter with trailing type bromeliads cascading from each level.

Below are the typical tulip like blooms of the genus *Canistrum*, this plant, I believe is *C. triangulare*.



An urn filled with irises, intermingled with the vast number of bromeliad, is a visual treat.

All photos by Larry Giroux

Front and Back Covers

By Larry Giroux

Like clockwork, this bigenetic hybrid of *Orthophytum navioides* and *Cryptanthus microglazoui*, blooms in my shadehouse in mid-Spring. Of course the two parents are also blooming at this time. The back cover shows the *Orthophytum navioides* seed parent in bloom. This cultivar was produced by Nat DeLeon of Miami. He gave Steve Hoppin permission to name and register the plant in 2009. The branching stalks (typical of the *Cryptanthus* parent), the red of the leaves and the tree-like form lead him to name the plant *xOrthoanthus* 'Blazing Bonsai'. It is a hard plant to exhibit in a bromeliad show since the leaves on the stems dry up and either left on or removed it is not appealing to some judges who don't understand the culture of this unusual bigeneric.

Photos by Larry Giroux

CBS Meeting Minutes March 17th 2013

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2439 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33901

Meeting called to order: 2:15 by Marsha Crawford

Attendance: 30 members and guests in attendance.

Guests: Diane Myers, Nick Mavrikas, and Jon Hanson

New Members: Mary Kay Alba, Bob Joney, and Alex Arbuzov

Announcements: Our April meeting will be the birthday party and will be held at the home of Bill and Betsy Burdette. Please bring plants for the raffle and food to share. There will be a hat contest. So build or decorate a hat with bromeliads. Any man who enters the contest will win a small prize.

The roster and yearbook for 2013 are now available. See the check in table to get your copy at the next meeting. Former member Nick Mavrikas mentioned that he would love to show anyone around his yard if you are in Sarasota.

His address is 4421 Burbank Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231. Please call him ahead of time at (941) 228-9050.

This month was our annual auction so there was no program or workshop. There was a small but lovely array of plants in both the silent and regular auction. Betty Ann said we made she estimated that we made about \$1,300, half of which will go to the BSI

Respectfully submitted by Carly Sushil, Co-Secretary

Calendar of Bromeliad Events

August 17-18

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale. The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) 9:00AM—4:00PM.

September 21

Bromeliad Extravaganza

Hosted by Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. Holiday Inn Harborside, 401 2nd Street, Indian Rocks Beach, 33785, 727-595-9484. Info contacts: Susan Sousa (susansousa1@yahoo.com) and Judy Lund (glund@tampabay.rr.com)

December 6-8

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Show and Sale. Back of Terry Park, Fort Myers, FL. Judged Show— Friday, Dec 6th; Sale Saturday, Dec 7th, 9AM-4PM and Dec 8th 10AM-3PM. For additional information contact Betty Ann Prevatt (bprevatt@aol.com).

Read the Expanded Newsletter

I have been asking members who have e-mail, if they can start receiving the Meristem exclusively by e-mail and I have gotten a good response from the membership. I want to remind the members that even if they can not receive the e-mail version, because they have dial-up internet service, they can still go to www.fcbs.org and read the expanded Meristem directly online. Go to www.fcbs.org to view this expanded electronic issue, if you are not already opting to receive it or let me know if you want me to send it to you. Editor



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